REPORT

OF THE CANAL FUND COMMISSIONERS. TO THE HON , THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ORIO: In compliance with the law defining their duties, the Commissioners of the Canal Fund beg leave herewith to submit their Annual Report.

Under arrangements made two [years since, your Commissioners are still enabled through their transmitting agents, to meet with punctuality, the interests semi annually, as it falls due in New York, which has been placed there free of cost to the State. It is a source of gratifica. Manhattan company, tion to them, to be enabled to represent, that our financial credit still remains un- Lancaster Ohio Bank, impared, and that the Ohio six per cent, stock sustains its ascendancy over simi- Commercial Bank Lake lar stocks of our neighboring States; that notwithstanding the general depression Simon Perkins, 154 55 0 now experienced in the stock market, O hio stocks is eagerly sought after, and sells readily at an advance of from eigh- Daniel Kilgore, 289 37 6 teen to twenty per cent, at home, and is less the difference of exchange in E rope; but your Commissioners are not entirely unapprehensive, that a diminution of the pledges for sustaining said stock, may have an effect upon its value, and on the ability of this board to obtain future loans if they should be required.

In accordance with an act of the last session of the Legislature, authorizing Payments by Lancaster O. this board to loan sixty thousand dollars of the Ohio Canal Fund, to the Miami Contracts, \$120,432 27 Canal Fund, your Commissioners, on the Contingencies 3,654 51 25th day of April last, transferred that sum from the general Canal Fund, and deposited the same in the Lancaster Ohio Back, subject to the checks of Samuel Forrer, Esq. Acting Canal Commissioner to meet a requisition previously made by the Canal board; which sum, together with the proceeds of lands received from time to time, applicable to that work, has enabled the contractors to prosecute their respective jobs, without embarrass ment, leaving a balance of eighty seven shousand forty four dollars and fifty three cents, to aid in the completion of that part of the line, now under contract the

In compliance with the provisions of an act of the last General Assembly, authori zing this board to loan to the Milen Canal Company, fifteen thousand dollars of the Fund under their charge, after some besi tation, but upon receiving from said company, security for the fathful application of the money, and a pledge of their Canal with its emoluments, for the payment of the interest semi annually, and the final payment of the principal, your Commis sioners loaned them the amount speci fied in the act referred to, and deposited their bonds, and all the papers relating Mr. Burnham, where they were reto the same, with the Treasurer of State.

board was enabled to procure an interest on one hundred thousand dollars, of the Fund deposited there, equal in amount, to that required by the General Assembly, without being under the necessity of with drawing it from their original agent in that city.

At the request of the Canal Commissioners, this board, in obedience to the law defining their duties, met with them at Columbus, in July last, and entered in to a general examination of their accounts from 1825 up to the commence ment of the past year. It was a work of considerable magnitude, and required for the want thereof. The mother of both time and care. But owing to the ac the two brothers a widow, was precurate and detailed manner in which sent, but did not utter a syllable till those several accounts were kept, the la- the examination was concluded, and bor was greatly facilitated, and in a few days the different accounts were satisfactorily adjusted, finding, agreeably to our accounts and their exhibits, in one in stance, a balance of about nine hundred dollars, in favor of an Acting Commis sioner, and in other, a balance of about an equal amount in favor of the State, both of which accounts, were closed by a transfer of the balance from the one to the termine," was all the notice har re-

STATEMENT OF THE OHIO CANAL FUND.

January 16th, 1833. Balance reported Jan. \$592,020 73 6 19th 1835, Received of Auditor of State, Interest on deposits in

Manhattan Company New York, up to Janua 5,662 76 0 ry 1st, 1836,

Total amount of receipts, \$951,597 11 DISBURSEMENTS,

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in New York, up to Jan 1st, 1835 266,000 00 do do up to Jan, 1st, 1836, 266,000 00 Expenses paid Manhattan company, for two years services, up to Jan, 1st 4,000 00

Payments, by Lancaster Onio Blak, viz:

Contingencies, 8,715.80 Awards, 4.986 00 Orders president Canal board, 944 75 Simon Perkins' account, 1834, 255 89 Expenses board, 1835. 490 83 William J. Reese, Secre-

tary,

\$765,546 70

alance on hand, \$186,050 41 DEPOSITED AS FOLLOWS.

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Auditor of State, \$81,524 37 5 86,249 15 0 36,575 64 7 1,250 19 4

Samuel F. Maccracken,

purchased with avidity on the same terms STATEMENT MIAMI CANAL FUND, she maintained her resistance, and dis to have taken both the risk and profit of Balance reported Jan. 19th,

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Loaned by Ohio Canal Fund, 60,000 00 her apparel and nearly all given way Received from auditor of State

143,668 49

Total amount of receipts \$211,131 31 DISBURSEMENTS. bio Bank, viz;

Balance on hand \$37,044 53 DEPOSITED AS FOLLOWS. Lancaster Ohio Bank,

SIMON PERKINS, SAMUEL F. MACCRACKEN, Canal Fund Commissioners. Columbus, Jan. 16th, 1836,

From the Boston Morning Post. A SCENE OF THRILLING IN-TEREST.

POLICE OFFICE.

"Misery is well skin to guilt," is the maxim of an American poet, the truth of which philosophy and experience unite in confirming; nor are its unhappy effects merely confined to the guilty agent, as a most distres sing example, exhibited in court yes terday, will illustrate.

A short time since a lad, named David B. Bragg, offered some second hand books for sale at the, "Antique Book Store," in Cornhill, kept by cognized as being books stolen from On visiting New York last Spring, this Mr. S. G. Drake's store, next door. The boy was of course arrested, and implicated two other lads as his confederates -- Daniel O'Brien and Michael O'Brien-brothers-the former twelve, the latter nine years of age. The boy Brugg was ordered to recognize for his appearance at the municipal court in the sum of \$120, and war could be obtained she was removed, terrupted by a sudden and violent pullrant issued against the O'Briens, who in some degree revived and pacified. brought up yesterday, and, having having confessed their privity to the theft, were also required to give bonds and ordered to he committed to jail the result announced, when she arose were going to do with her boys.

"They must go to jail, unless they can be bailed," replied three or four voices. "My children shall not go to jail-they are innocent," she answer ed. "That must be for a jury to demark elicted. She then moved in the direction of her boys, and said, -"If you take them to jail, you shall take me with them." "Don't go to making a fuss about it; they will be taken care of," said the officer, interposing to prevent her approach to them, but she glided by his side, and keer and knowing people. and folding her cloak around her boys

stood literally like the hen gathering her brood under her wings. Appre- that finding the inhabitants an over match hending a conflict, yet unwilling to for them in their own crafts, they quitresort in the first instance to physical ted not only the city, but the kingdom, force, the officers essayed the art of in despair. persuasion, but were unable to prevail over prejudices by the beatitudes of the prison they so pathetically pour ly add to their dignity, but what to them trayed. The more they argued the more she would'nt be convinced; and India ship should sail from their port the louder they called upon the boys to Jamaica. They had long looked with

scuffig. The officer laid hands on one of them, but was actually driven from his ground by the screeches of the boys, and the shrieks of the mother. Two officers then advanced toward them those rum bibling variets, and they resol with words of honey on their lips, wed in their own minds that this was a bound have him; but, if he could have him; but, if he could

er of their yells. It was now evident | should possess the means of supplying she opened her mouth and asked him what or take delight in pleasant groves and that the prisoners must be permitted to go at large, the process of the law nullified by screechification, or violence and main strength be called 10action, A fierce struggle now took place. With the tenacity of a tiger the mother grasped the boys, and they fastened upon her like wild cats, and lutions, she unfortunately flung the younger lad, that clung to her back, aside upon the floor. Being thus detached from his frantic defender, he fell an easy prey to his enemy, and was instantly led off. She had now bat one to protect, and with indomi-\$186,050 41 2 table strength, agility, and courage, puted every inch, utterly regardless. or unconscious that the fastenings of in the encounter.

The ribbon with which her closk was tied beneath her chin remained faithful the longest, but at last proved treacherous, and with it fell all her hopes of rescuing her only son. By the suddenness of one of her lateral lurches, the little fellows gripe was broken, and, perceiving himself disen -8124,086 78 this moment the mother was inclined crossing of a ferry. backward, & was only supported from Respectfully submitted, falling by her cloak held by the boy, who also stood in a similar attitude who also stood in a similar attitude opposite. A constable now attached his weight to the boy's rear, and after pulling and hauling some seconds, "split the difference" between the mother and son, drawing with him the cloak, and the mother falling prostrate on the floor, by the force of gray itation. She fell her whole length, and heavily, and appeared to be some what stunned by the fall, and before ted their eyes in admiring those tropical she could rise her last boy was con signed to his cell.

Perceiving that her desperate strug gle had been unavailing, she endeavored to regain her composure, and adjust her dress, but her agony was too harrowing to exist without some external note, and though speechless and unobservant of the place and its functionaries, she commenced clapping her hands, in the very exaspera beyed, and, as all present supposed cipal owner. He had been the greatest to win a woman withal. left the premises. But five minutes means of introducing a new trade into being moved, she fell into convulsions He felt elated with a double portion of with foam and blood gushing out of dignity, and was laying down the law her mouth. As soon as a carriage nity, when he was most indecorously in

By this time, the excitement and curiosity occasioned by the singular antasickly looking, dark complected lad, contest which had taken place had in skipped off the moment he was observed, some degree subsided, and the spec- and having compassion for his want of tator had liesure to reflect upon the breeding, he rebuked him with mildness ing. -of a mother's affection-blind, however, before the attack was recom perhaps; ignorant certainly-but yet menced; this was too much to be borne, from her seat and asked what they as human and natural, as it was deep he forgot in a moment both his age and and dark. When exhausted with the his place and exclaimed in peevish fretaffray's toil, and intensity of woe, she reclined against the carriage, pale as death, it was impossible to refrain ter wi'ye, Provost? said the Captain,-

from enquiring-"Is it Heaven's will To try the dust it kindled for a day With infinite agony?"

THE PROVOST OF ABERDEEN.

Scotland must have heard of the venera ble and ancient city of Aberdeen-the ca'ye it,' said the astonished Provost, Yorkshire of the North-the quintescense 'od, I thoch't it was a sugar maker's son of keenness and knowingness, among a frae the West Indies, come to our uni-

Tradition says that the Jews once at tempted to form a settlement there, but

Once upon a time, it struck the good people of Aberdeen, that it would not onwas dearer far, to their profit, that a West to her waist, till it became apparent high fed and punch consuming burges had to say and to rake they could not be removed without a ses of Glasgow, and grud them the had taken his loave. accumulated treasures won from the successful navigation of the atlantic. They the fair, or sweetened the toddy of the withdrawal of the old folks. But when tice as much against Heaven as against sages of the city, paid an indirect tax to that opportunity came, the words would earth, and erects a deity that delights in but with bars and bolts in their hearts and that they well knew, and again the much consultation, they formed this ton had more presence of mind; and after the retired pleasures of the country? do pocket the affront; and there I expect

themselves with such outlandish luxuries | made him so dumb? as had added to the profit of the Glasgow-

egians.

But the worthies of Aberdeen are cau-West Indies was a terra incognitia. The er, he thus began - speculation promised well, but still there 'I say, Tabitha -' was a risk, and risk was not rashly to be incurred. After many mature consultathe whole three sent up a mingled tions, therefore, and a great consumption howl of horrible distress, that was tru of thought and toddy, it was resolved that ly appalling. Several times the hands a ship should be built, manned, and eof the officers were upon the boys, but quipped to undertake a voyage (which she as often wrenched them back a- they looked upon as in the last degree gain. Now facing to the right and doubtful and dangerous) by a kind of then to the left, she kept them at bay, joint stock company of which the Provost till, by the velocity of one of her evo. patriotically consented to become the bead.

Week ofter week and month after month passed away, doubts and fears were entertained for the safety of the Boaty, but still she came not. At last some murmurs were expressed by owners to the amount of ten pounds, that it would have been bester to have allowed the pot ach." bellied, punch swigging Glasgow bodies sugar and rum speculations, than for the decent and sober burgesses of Aberdeen to have left the safe and profitable stock trade with Holland, for any such outland ish speculation. At last, when shope, had grown sick, the joyful tidings were spread that 'the Boaty' was safely moored and all was as it should be. All the substantial 'sponsible men of the city hastened on board with the Provost at their head to behold with their own eyes a ship which had actually passed twice over the Atlantic; a feat to which Capt. gaged, he seized her by the cloak, At Parry's voyage would seem the mere

Capt. Skine received them at the gang way with the gruff hospitality of a seaman, and heartily welcomed his owners on board. But what pen can describe the wonders that met their admiring eyes! There was a cocoa nut, husk and all-an ear of Indian corn enveloped in its blades -a negro as black as the d--!, a shark's jaw with its treble row of teetha land tortoise-a turtle-a plautain to cure wounds-a centipede in a doctor's vial-a dolphin's tail - and a flying fish | too-I think it darn'd strange.' preserved in rum. When they had satia wonders, they were summoned to dinner last brand in the ashes. n the cabin, rich with all the delicacies of a foreign voyage. There were Chili pickles that made the eyes water-the pige apple which had lost every flavor save that of the spirits in which it had been preserved-the barbacued pig, and the sea-pie of innumerable contentswith the tarrapin baked in the shell and the loberouse recking from the cop-

The Provost never felt himself so great after she was discovered, lying sense. his native city, and he was now in the less, just beyond the door, and, upon full fruition of these gratifying reflections ed around in wrath but seeing his assailfulness, Hang you laddie, but gin ye com that gait, Pil put ye i' the very heart o' auld Aberdeen.' Whats the mat 'It's only that uncanny laddie o' yourse,' replied the Provost, 'has pu'd my tail as he wou'd tug it ont by the roots.' 'What laddie, Provost?' cried the Captain .-Why, that yin there, wi' the cough mouth and the sair een.' 'Laddie! God Every one who knows any thing of bless ye, Provost, man, thats only a monkey we hae brocht wi' us.' 'A monkey versity for his education."

From the New York Transcript, A DECLARATION. "That man, that hath a tongue, I say

no man, It with his tongue he cannot win a wom Shakspeare. Bn. 11

Jotham Jenkins, in his Sunday's best, sat one evening, twirling his hat, at the house of Mr. Twistleton. It was about 9 o'clock in the evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Twistleton had judiciously retired to their to quit her the more firmly they clung an envious eye upon the profits of the litely sat up, to hear what Jotham Jenkins had to say and to rake up the fire after he

considered within themselves, that every speech which he meant to utter when op pound of sugar which softened the tea of portunity had been given him, by the duces and propagates opinions and reaccompelled a retreat by the mere pow- magazineous resolution: -That they enjoying his embarrassment for a while, we love stately palaces and noble houses, the matter wad end-

Upon that hint he spake.

Any thing was better than nothing to break the ice; and that being now effecttious as well as ambitious and to them ed by the considerate remark of his charm all this we owe to peace; and the dissolu

'Well, Jotham?'

'I've come here to night-'I see you have.' 'To inform you that -that -some how

or another-'Very like, Jotham." "I don't know how it is-"

Nor 1.5 'It's very queer, any way, and I feel rather sheepish-2 Bah!

'Darn it! Tabitha, I love you! and now t's out.

'And you feel very much relieved I dare 'I do, I swow feel shockingly relieved,

I feel as if a big fifty six was off my stom-'Poor fellow! was your love so heavy?' 'I guess you'd think so if you knew the

weight on't It pressed me down like a night mare." "Well, Jotham, I'm glad to Lear of your fortunate deliverance. But it's growing

late, and mother told me to cover up the 'Oh, don't think of the fire now, just as

I've broke the ice. I've a world of fine things to say to you."

"What are they?" I hav'at told you half my lave yet."

'Oh, I thought you'd got it all out.' 'I-I love you like pizen-1 do indeed, Palitha.

'That love will be fatal then."

'It will be to me if you don't marry me.'
Fudge! Jotham don't be a fool.—Go ome now and let me cover the fire-that's good fellow."

Won't you have me, then?" 'I can tell you better, Jotham, when you

ome to be a man." 'Am't Ia man now, Miss Tabitha I'd ike to know? said Jotham, rising with spirit and putting his hat on his head -41 I ain't a man now - and a whole hog one

'As to the hog part, there's no dispute a bout that,' said Tabitha, covering up the

"Well if that's the way you treat me, Tab, you may go to grass, and get a hus band where you can, for what I care.'

Thank you, Jotham. Now go home ike a good boy, and tell your mamma not to let you stay away o'nights .- You may got lost,

Jotham pressed his hat on his head had der than ever, and telling Tab, as he call ed her, she might go to the devil for al him, he left the house-giving one proof, tion of despair. Twice did the order to a man before. He was now on board of at least, contrary to our Shakspearean mot leave the court fall unheedingly upon a trader which had visited foreign ports, to, that a man may be endowed with a her ear, but the third summons she o- and of which he was undoubtedly the prin tongue, and yet not be able to use it so as

Clarendon, are admirable:

ing of his pig tail from hebind. He look is sick with a fever in his blood, and procured, the horses were fed, and the with defluctions and ashes in his joints and bones; but health restored give a rel ish to the other blessings, and is yery merry without them: no kingdom can for the first time admitted to the light flourish or be at ease in which there is since his incarceration. The lampblack unutterable anguish he had witnessed. and dignity, and resumed the thread of no peace-which only makes men dwell at home and enjoy the labor of their own had placed the poor fellow in a pickle It was an exhibition of human feel- his discourse. Scarcely had he done so, hands, and improve all the advantages that is more easily conceived; than deswhich the air, and the clunate, and the cribed. soil administers to them; and all which yield no comfort where there is no peace. God himself reckons health the greatest blessing he can bestow upon mankind, and peace the greatest comfort and ornament | lord and the customhouse officer to conhe can bestow upon States which are a multitude of men gathered together. They is said the functionary who twas caught who delight most in war are so much a shamed of it, that they pretend to desire nothing but peace-that their heart is set upon nothing else. When Cassar was engaging all the world in war, he wrote to Tully, "There was nothing worthier of an honest man than to have contention with nobody," It was the highest aggra vation that the prophet could find out in the description of the greatest wickedness that "the way of peace they know not, and the greatest punishment of all their crook been brought by the Louisiana, recent edness and perverseness was, that they should not know peace .- greater curse can not befall the most wicked nation, than to he deprived of peace. There is nothing of real and substantial comfort in this world but what is the product of peace; and whatsoever we may lawfully and innocently take delight in is the fruit and effect of peace. The solemn service of God, and performing our duty to Him in the exercise of the regular devotion, which versation with a gentleman whe adis the greatest business of our life, and in vocated "duelling," is said to have which we ought to take most delight, is the issue of peace. War breaks all that order, interrupts all that devotion, and even extinguishethall that zeal which peace Jotham had been conning over a fine has kindled in us; lays waste the dwelling place of God as well as of man; and intro

woods, or truttful gardens, which teach and instruct nature to produce and bring forth more fruits, and flowers, and plants than her own store can supply her with? tion of this peace disfigures all this beau ty, and in a short time, covers and buries all this order and delight in ruin and rubbish -Finally, have we any content, sat islaction and joy in the conversation of each other, in the knowledge and under standing of those arts and sciences which more adorn mankind than all those buildings and plantantions do the fields and grounds on which they stand? even this is the blessed effect and legacy of peace; and war lays our nature and manners as waste as our gardens and our habitations and we can as easily preserve the beauty of the one as the integrity of the other un der the cursed jurisdiction of drums and trumpets.

AN EXCELLENT JOKE.

The following story, which we copy from the Bangor Advertiser, is one of the best we have read for some time .-

"Our readers are aware that the ingenious fellows who pursue the neferious practices of smuggling goods between this state and the neighboring provinces, are often driven to exercise a good deal of tact in order to elude officers stationed on either side of the line. A trick occurred a few years since, which is worth record ing. A custom house officer stationed on the American side had rendered himself rather obnoxious to the smuggling gentry by his inquisitorial disposition, and a couple of fellows, who were in the habit of transporting some forbidden commodities to the States, were so press.d by the assiduous efforts of this worthy, that they were resolved to try if he could not be caught in his own trap. For this purposa they procured at Houlton a large cask, with a cover, which fastened down with an iron clasp, fastened by a padlock. In the bottom, a quantity of loose lampblack was strewed, and some loose paper laid on the top.

In this condition they journeyed on until the aforementioned officer, ever on the alert, mot them, and demanded that their wagon, containing the cask should be searched. After a parley, in which the smugglers appeared rather shy, the man in authorsty mounted the wagonthe cover was lifted up, and he perceived the loose papers. Thinking there was without doubt, something worth while at the bottom, he leaned over the edge and commenced searching with his hand -The saugglers perceiving that their opportunity had come, tripped up his beeis nd in went the astonished officer, bawlng out murder, The rascals coully put down the cover and drove off without a single halt, until they were upwards of ten mi'es from the place where they had taken in their fresh provisions.

At length the hopeful Johus drove up to the tavern door, asked the landlord if he would let them have some dinner, and The following remarks by Lord take his pay in customhouse goods. Boniface' agreed, thinking no doubt to be Peace is that harmony in the State that supplied with something useful from the health is in the body. No honor, no pro in the smugglers whom he knew fit, no plenty can make him happy who on the road for some years. Diener was wagon was brought to the door. The landlord appeared to get his pay from the cask, when the discomfitted officer was together with the jolting of the wagon

The landlord 'smoked the joke,' pronounced it a good 'un, and away drove the smugglers, as fast as a cou ple of horses could carry them, leaving the landsole themselves as well as they could. It resides within less than 100 miles of the

Distressing Rumor .- It is current y reported in this city, that the steam Boat, "Mobile Farmer," in lately at tempting to make the outside passage from N. Orleans to Mobile, suddenly sunk, carrying with her every person ly arrived at Louisville, and was communicated to us by a gentleman just from the latter place. We have heard no further particulars .- Cin. Whig.

Mathematical Demonstration,-The late eccentric mathematician pro fessor Vince, of King's College, Cam bridge, being once engaged in a conthrown his adversary completely hors du combat, by the following acute and characteristic reply to his question: "But what could you do, sir, if a man told you to your face, 'you lie?'" "What cod I do? Why I wud'nt knock him down, but I'd rell him to If he cod'or ha'd be the her, and